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## **Man pleads guilty to possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine**

MINNEAPOLIS – Last week in federal court, a 36-year-old man pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute 117 grams of crack cocaine. On August 19, 2011, Terrell Randle, no known address, pleaded guilty to one count of the charge. Randle, who was indicted on January 11, 2011, entered his plea before United States District Court Judge Joan N. Ericksen.

In his plea agreement, Randle admitted that on December 10, 2010, while traveling through Martin County, Minnesota, he possessed approximately 117.5 grams of crack cocaine and approximately 4.8 grams of cocaine powder, intending to distribute it. Randle admitted he was in possession of the drugs while traveling through Minnesota, enroute to South Dakota, where he planned to distribute them. Randle also admitted selling additional quantities of controlled substances.

According to a law enforcement affidavit filed in the case, Randle was driving a vehicle that was stopped by a Minnesota State Trooper for moving violations. A K-9 officer detected narcotics in the vehicle, and during a subsequent search, officers seized approximately 109 grams of crack cocaine in a pair of men's sweatpants inside a duffle bag. A digital scale also was found in the bag, which was located in the trunk of the vehicle. In addition, officers seized approximately one gram of heroin and 31 grams of crack cocaine in the pocket of a pair of female blue jeans. Randle and a female passenger in the vehicle were arrested.

For his crime, Randle faces a potential maximum penalty of life in prison. Judge Ericksen will determine his sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Minnesota State Patrol, the Martin County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey M. Bryan.

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